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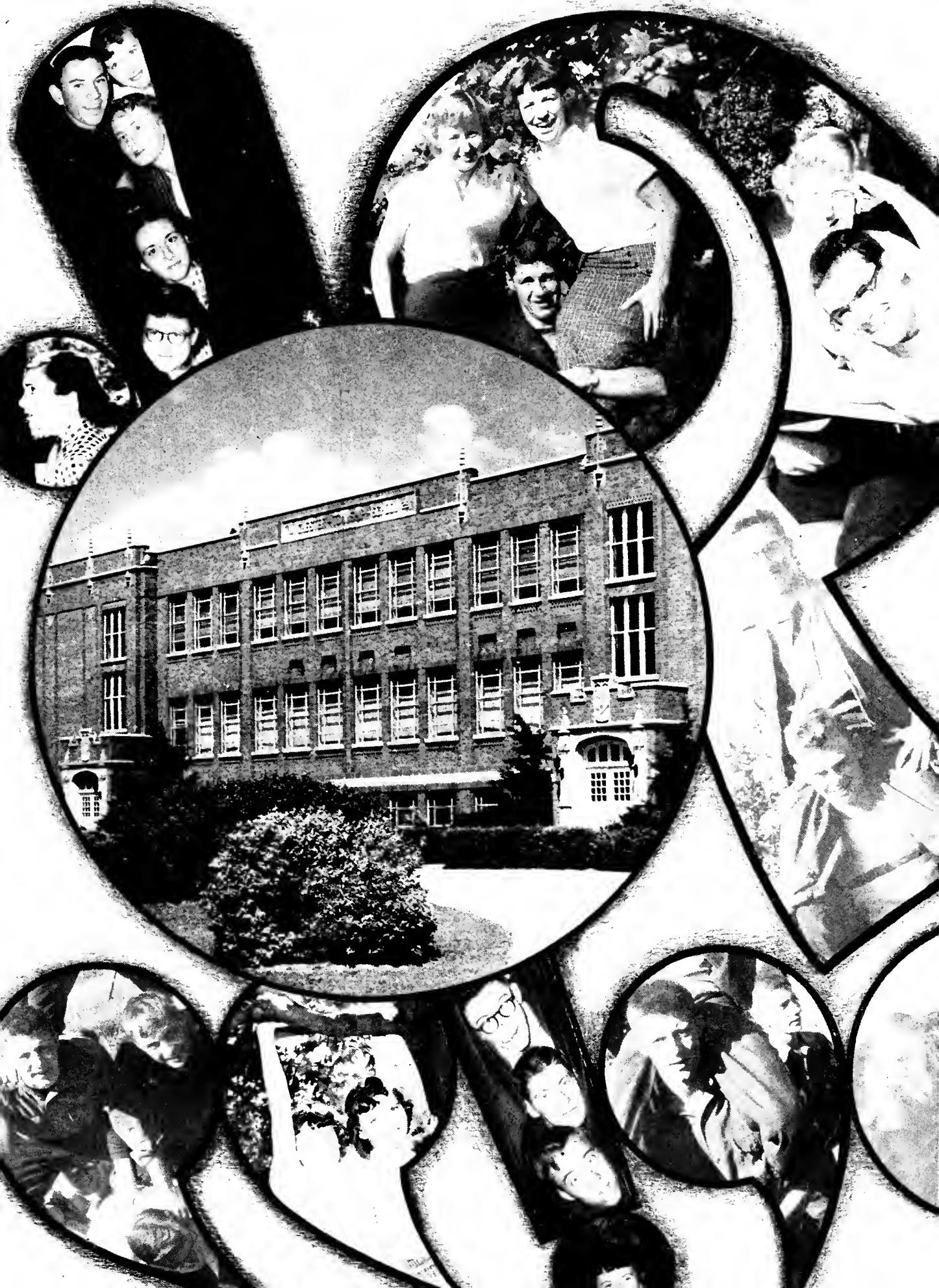


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# RAVELINGS 1954

*Chester Township High School      North Manchester, Indiana*





Dear Students,

Did you ever try to read a composition without punctuation marks? Wasn't easy, was it? It was difficult to get the meaning, wasn't it? But, place a few punctuation marks here and there in appropriate places and the meaning comes to life. Funny what a difference a few little crooked marks or dots can make, isn't it?

In the pages that follow you will get a few glimpses into the composition of life at Chester High 'chool--your life and mine. Where shall we put the punctuation marks to give this composition the most meaning?

Let's begin with the question mark. Who is it that is always asking questions? The faculty, of course. The question mark indicates quizzes, quandaries, and queries and doesn't the faculty have plenty

When you see an exclamation point you think of excitement. What could be more exciting than a red-hot basketball game!!! So look beyond the exclamation point for some candid shots of Chester in action on the basketball floor, the baseball diamond, and the track.

When you see a pair of parentheses you think of something that has been added--something extra. So, in the parentheses section, you will find some of those extra things that add sparkle to the routine of everyday class work.

Then there are the commas. Commas indicate pauses. In the comma section you will find those things which we have to do from day to day which makes each of us different from our fellow-students.

At the end of a composition, we usually find a period, so it is with this year's Ravelings. The seniors have finished their high school careers and are fittingly represented by the period. Just a dot--that's all.

So, our high school career and our senior year in particular boils down to a simple composition which we have tried to punctuate. It's you will help us as you examine the pages of our book. What was a ) and !

All who write the high school composition after us, we wish you

Clarence Douser



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Mr. Smith

# Faculty

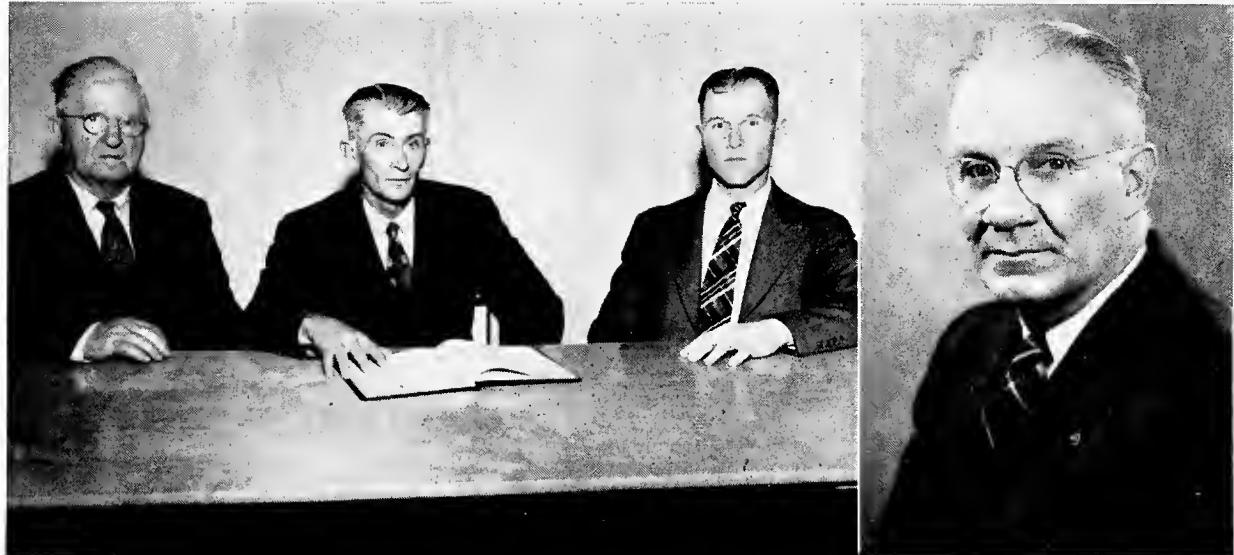
Dear Students and Friends of  
Chester Township High School:

As you peruse the pages of the 1954 Ravelings, I hope that you will recall the pleasant memories of your own school days at Chester or wherever you may have gone to school. Or, perhaps you are now in school! If so, I hope that this book may inspire you to greater success in your own school experiences.

Jason J. Smith

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### *Advisory Board*

The Advisory Board in Chester Township consists of Mr. George Harshman, Mr. Clarence Schilling, and Mr. Robert Beery. These men together with the Trustee are responsible for the many fine advantages that we at Chester enjoy. Our thanks go to them.

### *County Superintendent*

Mr. C. L. Vandegrift, B.S., Manchester College; M.S., Indiana University. For his personal interest in our school and its advancement, the Class of 1954 wishes to extend to Mr. Vandegrift its heartfelt thanks.



### *Trustee*

Mr. Ulmer is completing his eighth and final year as trustee of Chester Township. As he leaves this field of service, the Class of '54 wishes to express its appreciation to him for all the contributions he has made for the betterment of our school and feels sure that he will continue to be with us in his capacity as a citizen.

### *School Clerk*

For eleven years, Mrs. Yentes has been writing slips and passes and listening to our excuses. We wonder if she ever hears a new excuse. Good luck, Maxine.



### *Principal*

Mr. Smith has been principal at Chester for ten years. During that time the students have learned to know him as a friendly counselor with a world of patient understanding. We wish him continued success.



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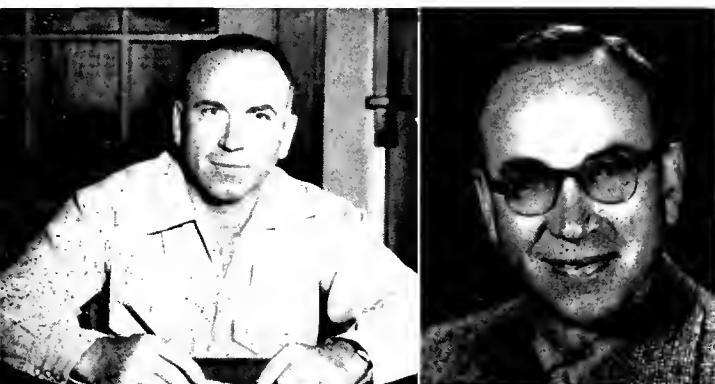
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English and Library Science  
Manchester College B.S.



MISS BERNICE BOWEN  
"Take it a step higher"  
Music and Art  
Manchester College, B.S.; Cincinnati  
Conservatory; Indiana Central College



MR. WAYNE DILLING  
"Do you have a question?"  
Commerce  
Manchester College, A.B.; Indiana  
University

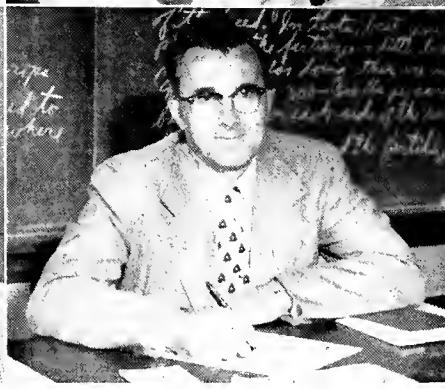


MR. GEROLD FAUDREE  
"Wash your acid bottles!"  
Science, Basketball Coach  
Manchester College, A.B.; Purdue Uni-  
versity

MR. PAUL FAUDREE  
"Fifteen laps and take a shower!"  
Mathematics, Social Studies, Basket-  
ball and Track; Coach Jr. High and  
Freshman Basketball  
Manchester College, B.S.



MR. HAROLD LECKRONE  
"You've been listening to WLS!"  
Music and Instrumental  
Manchester College, B.S.



MR. JOHN I. SEARER  
"Did you do that?"  
History, English, and Mathematics  
Manchester College, A.B.; Goshen College, Indiana University

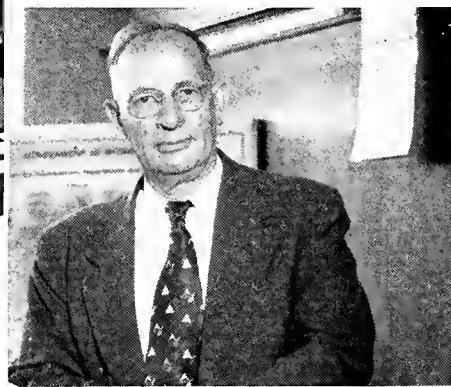
MR. JAMES TYLER  
"Let's settle down!"  
Health, Driver Education, Social Studies, Spanish  
Manchester College, A.B.; Bethany Seminary, B.D.; Indiana University

MRS. IDA VAN CAMP  
"Now for tomorrow!"  
English and History  
Manchester College, A.B.; Indiana University

MRS. LOIS LYITLE  
"Have you any comment?"  
Home Economics and Physical Education  
Manchester College, B.S.; Ball State Teachers College

MR. ROBERT MERTZ  
"Is it clean?"  
Mathematics and Science  
Manchester College, A.B.; Purdue University, Indiana University

MR. CECIL SCRIBNER  
"Listen, you guys!"  
Agriculture  
State Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, B.S.E.; Purdue Intensive Units





Firemen: Keith Frieden, Cecil Eiler

Bus Drivers: Top Row, Mr. Marburger, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Heeter, Mr. Harter. Bottom Row, Mr. Baker, Mr. Shanahan, Mr. Coblentz, Mr. Cripe.

Cooks: Mrs. Coblentz, Mrs. Leonhard, Mrs. Beigh, Mrs. Judy, Mrs. Richards.

Janitors: Mr. Jordan, Mr. Vance, Mr. Martin, Mr. Myers.



Mr. Keaftaber



Driver Education Class: Sharon Hapner, Mary Lou Tyner, Martha Swinger, Marilee Baker, Lucy Robinson, Beulah Young, Shirley Krichbaum, Barbara Meyer, Martha Kline, Sue Richards, Pat Leckrone, Betty Williams, Larry Jordan, Beverly Buckingham, Kendall Walker, Dorothy Lefforge, R. J. Renicker, Edythe Meyer, Rosin Miller, Mr. Tyler.



Sonny Houser

## Activities

Dear Friends,

In the pages that follow you will find a story of our high school activities. We believe that you will find pictures of all the students in our schools. We have tried to make the 1954 Ravelings the best yet. We hope you will enjoy it.

Sonny

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## *Chester Chatter in Production*

Students at Chester were kept well informed on this year's news and views through the school paper, Chester Chatter.

This bi-weekly newspaper was the main project of the advanced typing class. Assistants were the class and club reporters who were kept busy writing news every other week.

The capable leadership of Mrs. Amiss, Mr. Dilling, and the Chatter officers made this a successful year. We are proud to say it was a job well done.

Bottom Picture

Seated — Carol Marshall, Beverly Schroll, Marilyn Flora, Alice Alexander, Patsy Wagamuth, Kay Bonam.  
Standing — Mrs. Amiss, Anna Helvey, Jane Penwell, Karen Bollinger, Jerry Purdy, Jane Hippenstein, Richard Purdy, Phyllis Bechtold, Diane Landis, Myrtle Rowe, Darrel Graffis, Marilee Baker, Beulah Young, Aileene Allen, Jane Schenkel, Mr. Dilling, Gerry Coblenz, Mark Swinger, Sue Leonhardt.

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Top Picture

Seated — Carol Marshall, Beverly Schroll, Marilyn Flora, Phyllis Bechtold, Myrtle Rowe, Kay Bonam.  
Standing — Alice Alexander, Patsy Wagamuth, Anna Helvey, Mrs. Amiss, Jerry Purdy, Richard Purdy, Diane Landis, Marilee Baker, Mr. Dilling, Beulah Young, Aileene Allen, Gerry Coblenz.

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## *Mixed Chorus*

First Row — Beverly Schroll, Norma Coning, Sue Leonhardt, Rose Ann Bucher, Lucy Robinson, Phyllis Burkhart, Alice Alexander.

Second Row — Pat Grindle, Myrtle Rowe, Phyllis Bechtold, Diane Landis, Marilyn Flora, Anna Helvey, Edythe Meyer.

Third Row — Bill Leonhard, Marilee Baker, Ann Reber, Phyllis Rupley, Carol Parson, Marilyn Metzger, Shirley Krichbaum.

Fourth Row — Ted Morford, Maurice Frieden, Aileen Allen, Beulah Young, Barbara Elkins, Helen Penrod, Catherine Gemmer.

Fifth Row — Dewayne Ritenour, Dean Cox, Bob Keaffaber, Richard Purdy, Dick Shanahan, John Morrissey, Don Vance, Jerry Purdy, Gary Jackson.



## *Boys' Glee Club*

Seated — Dick Shanahan, John Morrissey, Max Frye, Richard Purdy, Jerry Purdy, Don Vance.

Standing — Dewayne Ritenour, Maurice Frieden, Bill Leonhard, Dean Cox, Bob Keaffaber, Keith Cook, Gary Jackson, Ted Morford.



## *Girls' Quintette*

Norma Coning, Sue Leonhardt, Anita Bollinger, Rose Ann Bucher, Edythe Meyer.

## *Freshman, Sophomore*

### *Boys' Glee Club*

Bobby Hapner, Jim Alexander, Dewayne Beery, Richard Miller, Ralph Penrod, Nelson Zinsmeister, Monroe Walker, Jim Shanahan, Larry Stackhouse, Vernon Schroll, R. J. Renicker, Ronald Wiley, Tom Helvey, Kenneth Pratt, Jerry Badskey.



## *Boys' Quartette*

Gary Jackson, Maurice Frieden, Bill Leonhard, Ted Morford.





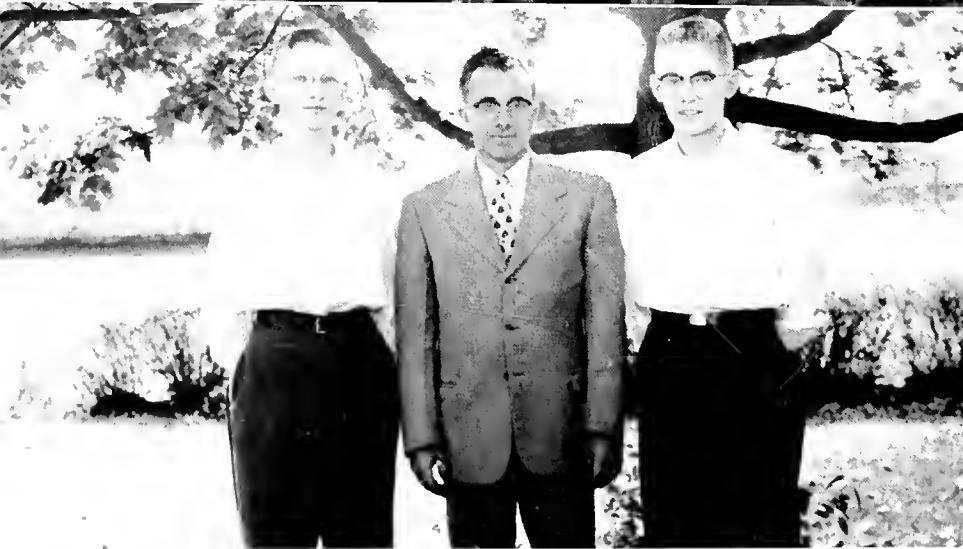
### *Soil Judging*

Jack Sleighter, Mr. Scribner, Leo Judy.



### *Vegetable Judging*

Standing — Kenneth Pratt, Larry Stackhouse, Mr. Scribner, Monroe Walker, Max Cox.  
Kneeling — Leland Beery, Robin Miller.



### *Forestry Judging*

Maurice Frieden, Mr. Scribner, Bill Leonhard.

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## *Senior Play*

Seated — Gerry Coblenz, Dick Shanahan, Beverly Schroll, Diane Landis, Jay Schilling, Kay Bonam.  
Standing — Mike Leckrone, Bob Messer, Myrtle Rowe, Marilyn Flora, Phyllis Jo Bechtold, Mrs. Van Camp, Alice Alexander, Max Frye.

### **"WE SHOOK THE FAMILY TREE"**

Hildegarde is desperately anxious for an attractive senior boy to ask her to the big school dance. She tries everything but nothing works. Finally, mother gets her a date with Freddie, the only boy in school who wears knickers. He's a swell guy, but those short pants make him the joke of the school. She pleads with father to let her break the date but father says, "No!" To make matters worse Hildegarde has given the little neighbor girl father's love letters to put in mail boxes. That settles it.

## *Junior Play*

### **"MEET CORLISS ARCHER"**

Corliss, so bored she could scream, feel everyone is in a rut, especially her boyfriend, Dexter. Corliss decides to make up a fake diary, not her actual dull life, but an imaginary existance that would curl anyone's hair. Her temperate father becomes a raving alcoholic and a wife beater. Dexter becomes a juvenile delinquent. Snoopy Cousin Agnes comes for a visit. Cousin Agnes doesn't miss a trick — so she reads the fake diary. Now the fur flies.

Front Row — Rose Ann Bucher, Marilyn Metzger, Sue Leonhardt, Phyllis Burkhart, Norma Coning, Edythe Meyer.

Back Row — Ted Morford, Maurice Frieden, Charles Zinsmeister, Helen Penrod, Barbara Elkins, Mrs. Van Camp, Gary Jackson.





## Band

Upper Left, Row 1 — Max Cox, Karen Bowen.  
Row 2 — Ralph Penrod, Bobb Keaffaber, Leo Frieden,  
Maurice Frieden.

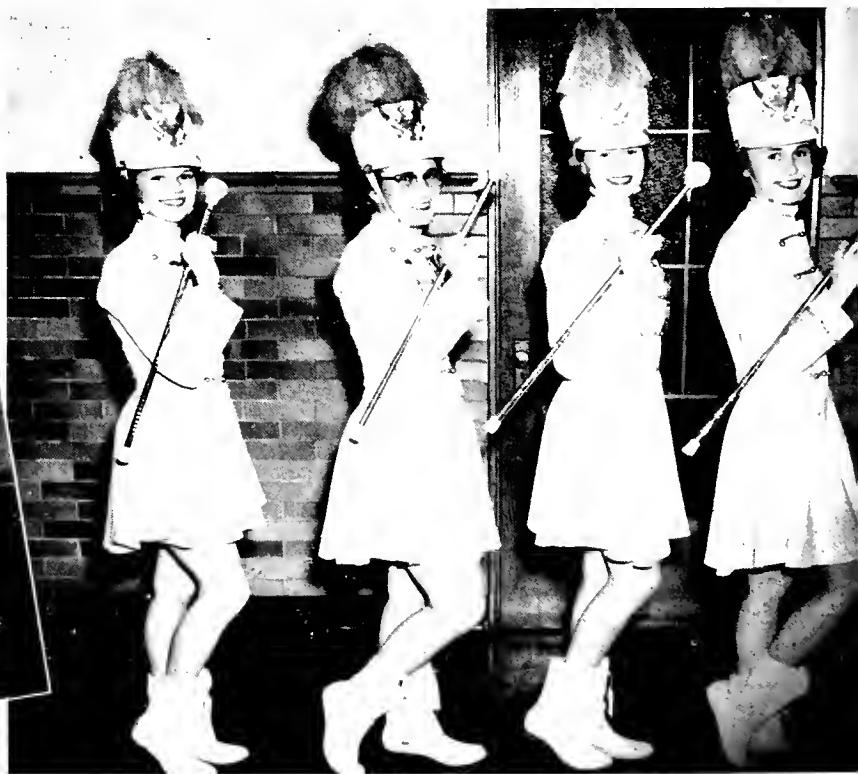
Upper Right, Row 1 — Richard Miller, Rosalie Rinehart,  
Donna Sleighter, Jean Hippenstein.  
Row 2 — Sue Leonhardt, Rose Ann Bucher, Edythe  
Meyer, Marilyn Pratt, Jane Schenkel.  
Row 3 — Saundra Stoops, Shirley Littlefield, Gloria  
Hack, Carol Marshall, Gloria Houser, Rosalie Holloway.

Mr. Leckrone, Director: Under "Leck's" able direction the Chester High School Band has won a long series of "firsts" in District and State Competition. This year 129 medals were won at the District Solo and Ensemble Contests which reflect well-deserved credit on our able director.

Mr. Leckrone

Majorettes: Proudly leading our band at each of our home basketball games, our Majorettes gave sparkling performances. Hours of practice were required to get proper timing and precision.

Jeanine Myers, Gerry Coblenz, Beverly Schroll, Marilyn Flora





Front Row — Gary Keaffaber, Helen Penrod, Kay Richards, Beverly Buckingham.

Middle Row — Bob Hippenstein, Dean Cox, Jim Shanahan, Mike Leckrone, Bruce Flora, Carol Grossnickle, Pat Leckrone.

Top Row — Jerry Badskey, Sue Graham, Ann Reber, Phyllis Bechtold, Mike Walters, James Meyer, David Reber, Don Lefforge, Robin Miller.

Front Row — Jane Hippenstein, Janice Marshall, Marcea Brandenburg, Alice Alexander, Mary Jane Merkle, Joyce Grossnickle, Sharon Myers.

Top Row — Roger Tate, Charles Miller, Gary Jackson, Judy Leonhard, Gerry Coblenz, Jeanine Myers, Beverly Schroll, Betty Williams.

Band — The C.H.S. Band has proved its worth many times this year. The band marched at all home games except one, and "Leck's" unique formations brought well deserved applause each and every time. Band students brought back many honors from the District and State Solo and Ensemble contests which were held at Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, respectively.

With all their significant achievements it may well be said that the Chester Band has completed another successful year.

## Hi-Y Club

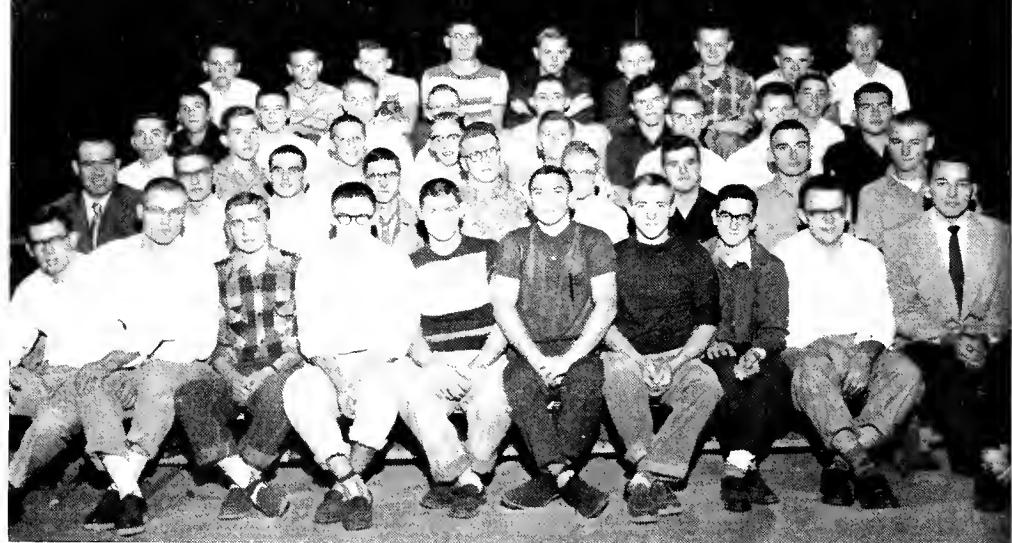
Row 1 — Max Frye, Jim Baker, Jay Schilling, Mike Leckrone, Don Brown, John Morrisey, Clarence Houser, Dewayne Ritenour, Jerry Furdy, Mr. Mertz.

Row 2 — Mr. Tyler, Richard Purdy, Donance, Dick Bechtold, Bob Keaffaber, Dean Cox, Dewight Ritenour, Phil Snavely, Ronnie Kreider.

Row 3 — Ralph Penrod, Robin Miller, Tom Schumaker, Bill Leonhard, Ted Morford, Gary Jackson, Dick Shanahan, Bob Messer.

Row 4 — Bob Leiter, Dewayne Beery, R. J. Renicker, Maurice Frieden, Darrel Graffis, Leo Judy, Charles Miller.

Row 5 — Max Cox, Kendal Walter, Larry Jordan, Charles Zinsmeister, Todd Hathaway, Noel Yordy, Bob Barker, Don Judy, James Meyer.



## Sunshine Society

Row 1 — Julia Pottenger, Kay Bonam, Myrtle Rowe, Diane Landis, Phyllis Bechtold, Beverly Schroll, Marilyn Flora, Patsy Walgamuth, Gerry Coblenz, Anna Helvey.

Row 2 — Mrs. Amiss, Miriam Swinger, Mary Ellen Snavely, Joyce Grossnickle, Jane Schenkel, Shelby Bechtold, Edythe Meyer, Phyllis Burkhardt, Sue Leonhardt, Sharon Hapner, Mary Lou Tyner.

Row 3 — Fannie Swihart, Marilyn Pratt, Dorothy Lefforge, Ann Reber, Pat Grindle, Lucy Robinson, Carol Parsons, Shirley Krichbaum, Catherine Gemmer, Marilyn Metzger.

Row 4 — Betty Williams, Beverly Buckingham, Barbara Meyer, Dora Young, Martha Kline, Carol Grossnickle, Rose Ann Bucher, Norma Coning, Mrs. Van Camp.

Row 5 — Pat Leckrone, Sue Richards, Marilee Baker, Aileen Allen, Beulah Young, Carol Marshall, Alice Alexander, Phyllis Rupley, Helen Penrod, Barbara Elkins.

## Sunbeam Club

Row 1 — Barbara Farley, Jane Penwell, Janice Pratt, Martha Swinger, Margaret Klutz, Donna Sleighter, Glenna Brubaker, Nancy Haupert, Ann Keaffaber, Jessie Robinson.

Row 2 — Julia Furdy, Norma Helvy, Jane Hippenstein, Pearl Kline, Nancy McIntosh, Janice Marshall, Linda Morrisey, Rachel Cook, Esther Brovant, Marcea Brandenburg, Jean Hippenstein.

Row 3 — Mrs. Lytle, Sharon Christman, Sylvia Rieman, Rosalie Holloway, Janet Morford, Martha Merkle, Lois Michel, Betty Smith, Sharon Myers, Frieda Allen, Janet Badskey, Gloria Hack.

Row 4 — Rosemary Miller, Mary Bitzell, Linda Clark, Janie Robinson, Martha Woodcox, Judy Leonhard, Carolyn Metzger, Janine Myers, Dean Spencer, Pat Flora, Lou Jean Howard.

Row 5 — Jo Ann Landis, Kay Richards, Pat Shanahan, Sandra Stoops, Judy Jordan, Roberta Akers, Janet Buckingham, Laurale Brandenburg, Geraldine Bradley, Evelyn Betten.

Row 6 — Sandra Shock, Rosalie Rinehart, Mary Jane Merkle, Karen Bowen, Dorcus Davis, Shirley Littlefield, Gloria Houser, Karen Bollinger, Verlinda Clevenger, Nancy Clevenger, Sue Graham, Mary Evelyn Blocher.



## *Beginner's Band*

Row 1 — Mary Lou Sutherlin, Evelyn Taylor, Carol Miller, Richard Bollinger, Steve Reift, Esther Taylor, Barbara Stoops.  
 Row 2 — Ronnie Baker, Richard Miller, Janet Badskey, Frieda Allen, Rosemary Miller, Stanley Walker, Stanley Hoover, Max Taylor, Ronald Brandenburg, Morris Sites, Deloris Sites.  
 Row 3 — Mr. Leckrone.



## *Freshman, Sophomore Girls' Glee Club*

Row 1 — Martha Woodcox, Janene Myers, Barbara Farley, Carolyn Metzger, Miriam Swinger, Mary Jane Merkle, Rosalie Rinehart.  
 Row 2 — Fannie Swihart, Dorothy Lefforge, Verlinda Clevenger, Nancy Clevenger, Julia Furdy, Judy Leonhard, Sue Richards, Betty Williams, Pat Flora.  
 Row 3 — Jane Penwell, Shirley Littlefield, Marilyn Frett, Jane Schenkel, Joyce Grossnickle, Mary Ellen Stavely, Beverly Buckingham, Gloria Hack, Gloria Houser, Karen Bollinger, Sharon Christman, Mary Lou Tyler, Carol Grutsnickle, Sharon Hapner, Dean Spencer, Sylvia Rieman.

## *Seventh, Eighth Grade Chorus*

Row 1 — Norma Helvey, Lois Michel, Martha Merkle, Janet Moxford, Nancy Haupert, Linda Morrissey, Sharon Myers, Marcea Brandenburg, Jo Anne Landis, Jean Hippenstein.  
 Row 2 — Sue Graham, Mary Evelyn Blocher, Betty Smith, Pearl Kline, Glenna Brubaker, Nancy McIntosh, Rachel Cook, Esther Brovant, Ann Keaffaber, Pat Shanahan, Jessie Robinson.  
 Row 3 — Donna Sleighter, Frieda Allen, Karen Bowen, Janet Marshall, Mary Bitzell, Janet Buckingham, Margaret Klutz, Janet Badskey, Jane Hippenstein.  
 Row 4 — Laurae Brandenburg, Sandra Shock, Judy Jordan, Janice Pratt, Dorcas Davis, Eugene Davis, Rosemary Miller, Lou Jean Howard, Martha Swinger.  
 Row 5 — Roy Davis, Marvin Metzger, Mark Swinger, Luther Allen, David Reber, David Brubaker, James Clevenger.





*J. J. A.*

First Row — Jack Sleighter, Mr. Scribner, Charles Zinsmeister.  
Second Row — Todd Hathaway, Bob Kline, Jay Schilling, Dick Shanahan, Jim Baker, Larry Stackhouse, Ted Morford.  
Third Row — Noel Yordy, Ralph Penrod, Bob Keaffaber, Vernon Schroll, Tom Helvey, Dean Cox, Gary Jackson.  
Fourth Row — Max Cox, Robin Miller, Maurice Frieden, Bill Leonhard, Tom Schumaker, Leo Frieden, Dewayne Beery, Harold Hamman.  
Fifth Row — Nelson Zinsmeister, Kenneth Pratt, Leland Beery, Monroe Walker, Jim Alexander, Ronald Wiley, Leo Judy, Charles Miller, Richard Miller, Bill Hippenstein.



*Boys' 4-H*

First Row — Janice Marshall, Lois Michel, Carolyn Metzger, Robin Miller, Dick Shanahan, Roger Tate, Carol Marshall, Helen Penrod, Marilyn Metzger.  
Second Row — Pat Grindle, Edythe Meyer, Phyllis Burkhardt, Ann Keaffaber, Karen Bowen, Ted Morford, James Shanahan, Jay Schilling, Mr. Scribner.  
Third Row — Mike Walters, Bob Keaffaber, Dean Cox, Richard Miller, Leland Beery, Charles Miller, Robert Hippenstein, Todd Richards.  
Fourth Row — Noel Yordy, Maurice Frieden, Bill Leonhard, Vernon Schroll, Roger Miller, David Reber, Bill Hippenstein, Dewayne Beery, Harold Hamman.  
Fifth Row — Luther Allen, Mark Swinger, Carl Taylor, Max Taylor, Ned Yordy.



*Girls' 4-H*

First Row — Janice Marshall, Lois Michel, Pat Flora, Janene Myers, Edythe Meyer, Phyllis Burkhardt, Phyllis Bechtold, Ann Reber, Pat Grindle, Marcea Brandenburg.  
Second Row — Rosemary Miller, Norma Helvey, Sue Graham, Frieda Allen, Sharon Myers, Ann Keaffaber, Nancy Hauperf, Shirley Krichbaum, Catherine Gemmer, Janet Badskev.  
Third Row — Mrs. Lois Lytle, Mary Ellen Snavely, Joyce Grossnickle, Jane Ann Schenkel, Judy Jordan, Patty Shanahan, Helen Penrod, Barbara Elkins, Marilyn Metzger, Judy Leonhard, Carolyn Metzger.  
Fourth Row — Rose Ann Bucher, Kay Bonam, Gloria Hack, Julia Ann Purdy, Karen Bollinger, Shirley Littlefield, Mary Jane Merkle, Rosalie Rinehart, Carol Marshall.  
Fifth Row — Miriam Swinger, Martha Ann Merkle, Martha Swinger, Donna Sleighter, Betty Smith.

## *Livestock Judging*

Kneeling — Mr. Scribner.  
Standing — Nelson Zinsmeister, Charles Zinsmeister, Leo Judy, Vernon Schroll, Robin Miller, Max Cox.



## *Dairy*

Kneeling — Richard Miller, Ronald Wiley, Harold Hamman, James Alexander.  
Standing — Vernon Schroll, Dewayne Beery, Jay Schilling, Mr. Scribner, James Shanahan, Larry Stackhouse, Tom Schumaker.



## *Poultry*

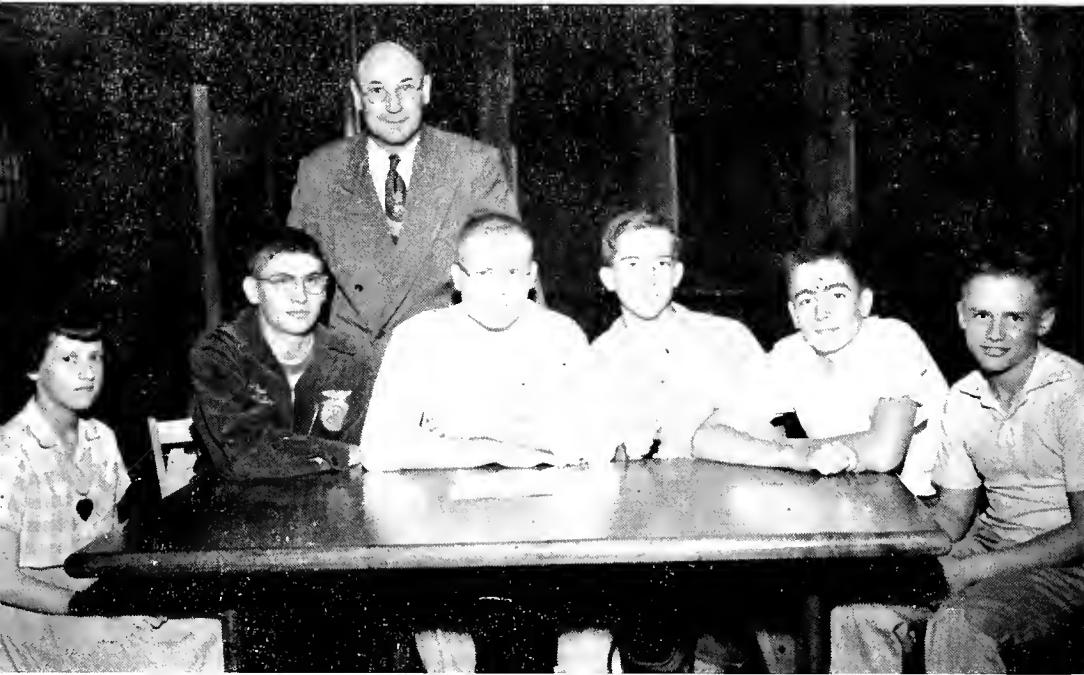
Kneeling — Gary Jackson, Larry Stackhouse  
Standing — Bob Keaffaber, Leo Frieden, Mr. Scribner, Monroe Walker, James Shanahan.



## *Crops*

Standing — Charles Miller, Gary Jackson, Mr. Scribner, Jack Sleighter, Leo Judy.





## *Student Council*

The Student Council of Chester High School consists of the presidents of the classes. They meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to discuss problems of the school and suggest solutions. This year Jim Baker is president, Charles Zinsmeister, vice-president, and Robin Miller is secretary-treasurer.

## *Librarians*

The Student Librarians are appointed by the faculty Librarian to serve during the various periods of the day. This position is one of honor and trust and the securing of the position reflects honor on the one chosen. The work has been done very efficiently this year.



Standing — James Meyer, Mrs. Amiss, Norma Coning, Carol Marshall, Jack Baker, Shirley Krichbaum, Carol Grossnickle, Pat Grindle, Dewayne Ritenour, Diane Landis, Beverly Meyer, Anna Helvey.

Seated — Gerry Coblenz

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Doe Faudree

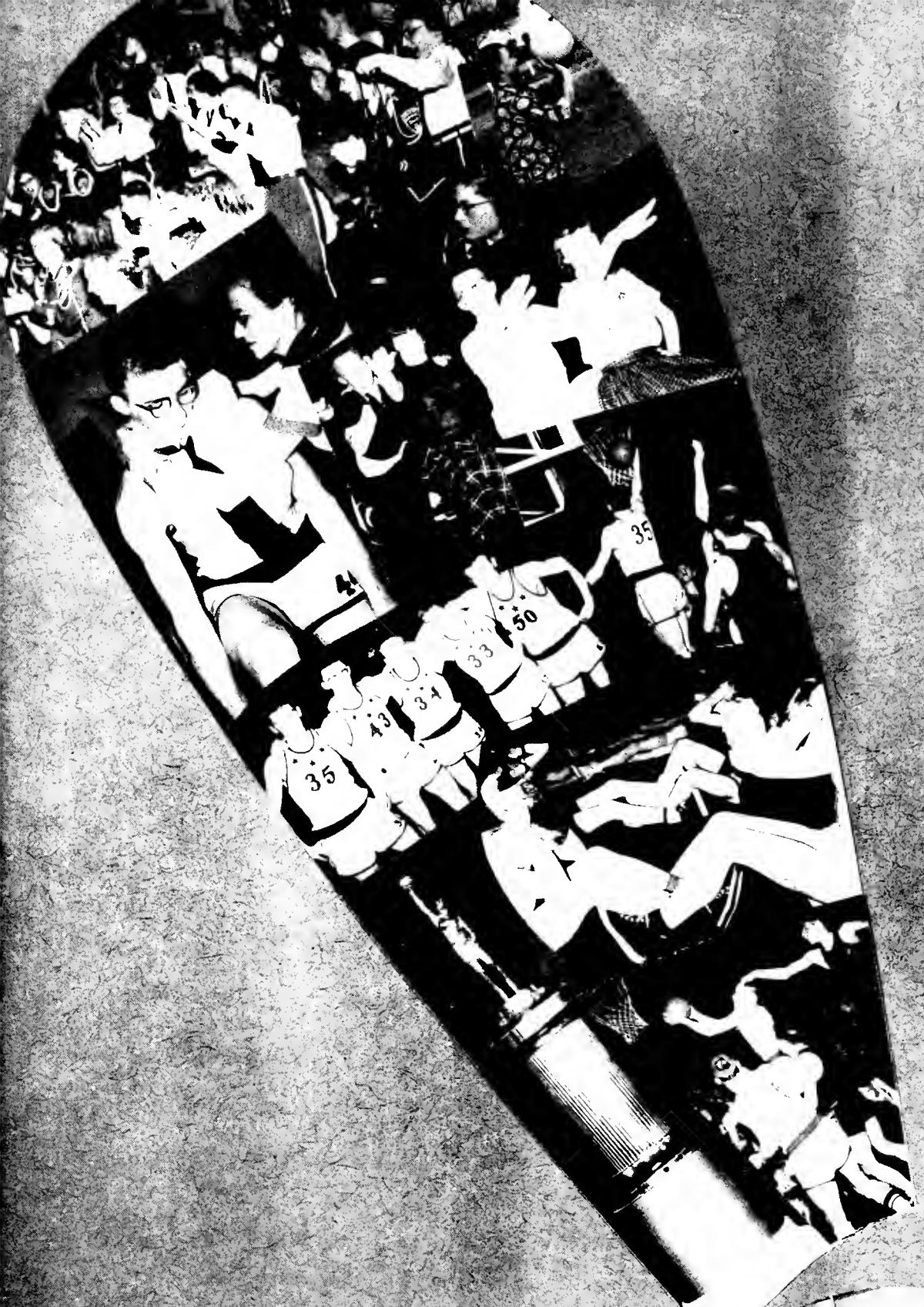
# Sports

Dear Students;

I, your coach, wish to express my appreciation to all students who participated in sports as players or fans and contributed so much time, energy, extra work, and enthusiasm to make our athletic program possible. What success we have had has been the result of co-operation of all who have participated or helped.

It doesn't matter if we have won or lost; it does matter how we played the game. May this Annual give you many happy memories. I wish the best of luck to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Doe Faudree





## Basket Ball Varsity

Row 1 — Jim Baker, Don Brown, Jay Schilling, Clarence Houser, Mike Leckrone.

Row 2 — Bob Kline, Darrel Graffis, Ronnie Kreider, Gene Heeter, Dick Shanahan, Dewayne Beery.

Individual left: Coach "Doe" Faudree, Right: Coach Paul Faudree

## Basket Ball 1953-1954

Including tourneys, the basketball team of '53-'54 won 15 and lost 7. This is the school's best record for several years. The highlight of the year was winning the 4-way Tourney at Manchester College. Eight of the members of the team were seniors, and consequently, Coach "Doe" is forced with a tremendous rebuilding program. The seniors wish the best of luck to the Panther teams of the future.

At all the ball games, Doe and the boys always had at their side a man deeply devoted to our school and its program. This man is Dr. Floyd Walters, counselor, trainer, and friend. All the seniors will miss Doc very much.

The four student managers, Bob Messer, Richard Purdy, Max Frye, and Jerry Purdy, not only packed the suits, kept the shots, and rebounds, but also furnished high class musical entertainment for the team.



Trainer — Dr. Floyd Walters



Student Managers, Bob Messer, Richard Purdy, Max Frye, Jerry Purdy.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**  
James Meyer, Myrtle Rowe, Jack  
Baker, Phyllis Jo Bechtold.

**JR. HIGH and FRESHMAN  
CHEERLEADERS**  
Jo Anne Landis, Judy Jordan,  
Anne Keaffaber.

## *Schedule*

	<b>We</b>	<b>They</b>
Central (at College)	40	52
Noble	73	50
Laketon	68	47
Lagro (at Andrews)	56	41
LaFontaine	61	67
Bippus	61	45
Silver Lake	65	47
Huntington Twp.	49	47
Akron	66	60
Urbana	54	47
Clay Twp.	50	60
Pierceton	69	61
Roann	61	54
Andrews	61	53
South Whitley	54	63
Clear Creek	65	66
4-Way Tourney		
Central	58	48
Laketon	73	57
County Tourney		
Lagro	62	50
Noble	40	47
Sectional Tourney		
Laketon	73	58
LaFontaine	40	49





No. 1 Bob Kline  
No. 2 Clarence Houser  
No. 3 Dick Shanahan  
No. 4 Mike Leckrone  
No. 5 Ronnie Kreider  
No. 6 Don Brown  
No. 7 Gene Heeter  
No. 8 Jim Baker  
No. 9 Jay Schilling  
No. 10 Darrel Graffis  
No. 11 Dewayne Beery

## *Reserves*

Kneeling — Dan Hammond, Billy Hippensteel.

Row 1 — Ronald Wiley, Jerry Badskey, Leland Beery, Larry Stackhouse, Richard Miller, Tom Helvey.

Row 2 — Noel Yordy, Bob Leiter, Darrel Graffis, Ralph Penrod, Jim Shanahan, Gene Heeter, Vernon Schroll, Larry Jordan, Tom Schumaker, Gaylord Miller.



## *Freshman Team*

Row 1 — Dan Hammond, Ronald Wiley, Tom Helvey, Richard Miller, Billy Hippensteel.

Row 2 — Jim Alexander, Manager; Jerry Badskey, Leland Beery, Jim Shanahan, Vernon Schroll, Larry Stackhouse, Kenneth Pratt, Coach Paul Faudree.

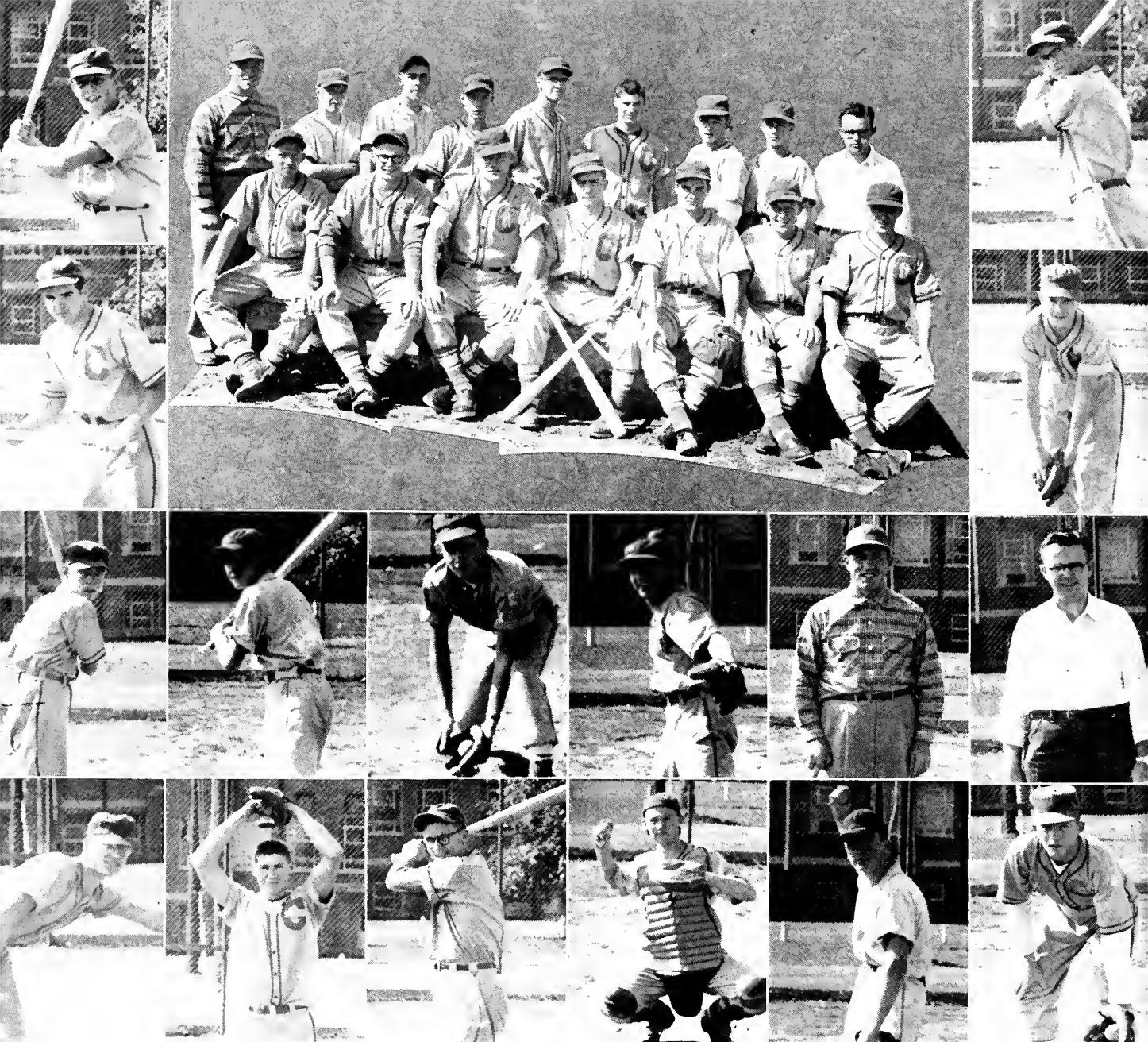


## *Jr. High Team*

### **JR. HIGH TEAM**

Row 1 — Roger Tate, Gary Keafaber, Bob Hippensteel, Luther Allen, Todd Richards, Larry Smith, Gene Michels.

Row 2 — David Reber, Manager; Mike Walters, Carl Taylor, Laymon Howard, Ronald Schultz, David Brubaker, Coach Paul Faudree.



Group Picture, Top Row — Mr. Faudree, Tom Helyve, Jim Shanahan, Kendall Walter, Richard Purdy, Don Brown, Darrel Graffis, Dewayne Beery, Jerry Purdy. Front Row — Larry Jordan, Mike Leckrone, Jim Baker, Jay Schilling, Dewight Ritenour, Tom Schumaker, Clarence Houser.

Individual, Top — Tom Schumaker, Richard Purdy. Second Row — Dewight Ritenour, Dewayne Beery. Third Row — Kendall Walter, Tom Helyve, Jay Schilling, Clarence Houser, Mr. Paul Faudree, Jerry Purdy. Fourth Row — Jim Baker, Don Brown, Mike Leckrone, Larry Jordan, Jim Shanahan, Darrel Graffis.

## *Baseball 1953-1954*

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Chester at Pierceton	9	4
Laketon at Chester	9	3
Chester at Central	5	8
Chester at Sidney	9	4
Roann at Chester	17	2
Central at Chester	5	4
Chester at Laketon	0	6
Chester at Roann	15	5

With a record of six won and two lost, the Panthers finished second in the league standings in this, the third year since the revival of baseball at Chester. Gene Heeter, who developed into the outstanding pitcher and hitter of the league, suffered a painful eye injury in the last game of the season and was unable to be in school for the baseball pictures for the Annual. Gene will have two more years of baseball.

## Track

Row 1 — Bob Leiter, Ralph Penrod, Larry Stackhouse, Tom Helvey, Dewayne Beery.

Row 2 — Clarence Houser, Robin Miller, Larry Jordan, Leo Judy, Dewight Ritenour, Bill Leonhard, Darrel Graffis, Coach Paul Faudree.

Row 3 — Vernon Schroll, Dick Shanahan, Jerry Purdy, Don Brown, Jim Baker, Mike Leckrone, John Clark, Clifford Clouser, Todd Hathaway, Norman Baker, Keith Cook, Gary Jackson, Bob Kline, Jay Schilling.



Clarence Houser, Mike Leckrone

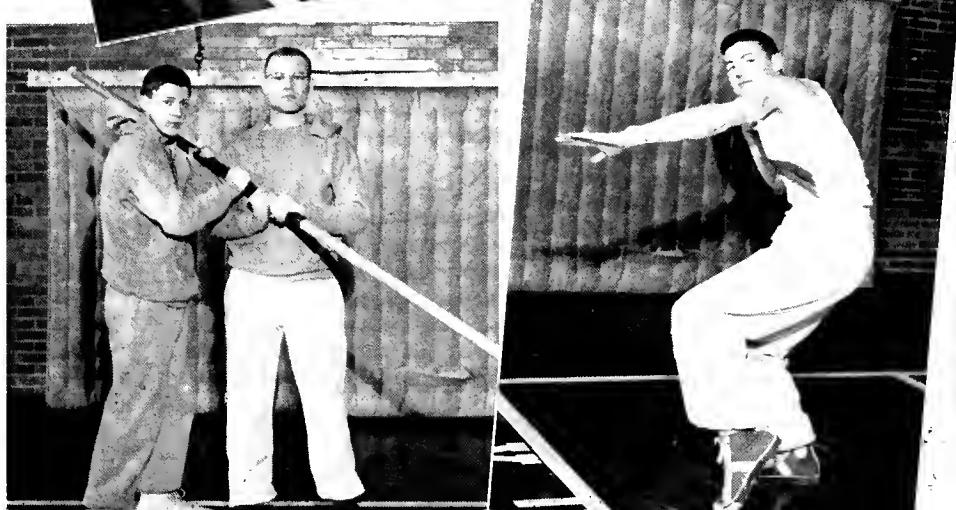


Dewight Ritenour

Clarence Houser

Dick Shanahan, Jim Baker

Don Brown



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Jim Baker

## Classes

Dear Students,

From quotation marks to periods  
— from first grade to graduation  
— so goes our school life.

In past years we seniors were fortunate enough to have been able to set some records of which we are very proud. These records will serve as a challenge to future senior classes.

May the highest success reward the efforts of each succeeding senior class at Chester.

Sincerely,  
Jim Baker





## *Juniors*

Officers: Sue Leonhardt, reporter; Jack Sleighter, vice-president; Maurice Frieden, treasurer; Charles Zinsmeister, president; Norma Coning, secretary.

Row 1 — Robert Barker, Anita Bollinger, Rose Ann Bucher.

Row 2 — Phyllis Burkhart, John Clark, Norma Coning.

Row 3 — Keith Cook, Barbara Elkins, Maurice Frieden.

Row 4 — Catherine Gemmer, Darrel Graffis, Pat Grindle, Todd Hathaway, Gary Jackson.

Row 5 — Leo Judy, Shirley Krichbaum, Bill Leonhard, Sue Leonhardt, Marilyn Metzger, Edythe Meyer, James Meyer, Charles Miller, Ted Morford.

Row 6 — Jim Myers, Carol Parson, Helen Penrod, Ann Reber, Lucy Robinson, Phyllis Rupley, Jack Sleighter, Charles Zinsmeister, Noel Yordy.

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## *Sophomores*

Officers: Seated —Jane Schenkel, reporter; Sue Richards, secretary; Carol Grossnickle, vice-president. Standing — Larry Jordan, treasurer; Robin Miller, president.

Row 1 — Jack Baker, Norman Baker, Shelby Bechtold.

Row 2 — Dewayne Beery, Clarence Betten, Beverly Buckingham.

Row 3 — Jerry Clark, Clifford Clouser, Max Cox, Leo Frieden, Carol Grossnickle, Joyce Grossnickle.

Row 4 — Harold Hamman, Bob Hapner, Sharon Hapner, Eugene Heeter, Larry Jordan, Donald Judy, Martha Kline, Patricia Leckrone, Dorothy Lefforge.

Row 5 — Robert Leiter, Barbara Meyer, Gaylord Miller, Robin Miller, Ralph Penrod, R. J. Renicker, Marilyn Pratt, Sue Richards, Dick Runkel.

Row 6 — Jane Ann Schenkel, Tom Schumaker, Mary Ellen Snavely, Fannie Swihart, Miriam Swinger, Mary Lou Tyner, Kendal Walter, Betty Williams, Dora Young.

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## *Freshman*

Officers: Jim Shanahan, president; Janene Myers, vice-president; Karen Bollinger, reporter; Gloria Hack, treasurer; Nelson Zinsmeister, secretary.

Row 1 — James Alexander, Jerry Badskey, Tom Baker, Leland Beery.

Row 2 — Karen Bollinger, Sharon Christman, Nancy Clevenger, Verlinda Clevenger.

Row 3 — Barbara Ann Farley, Pat Flora, Gloria Hack, Danny Hammond, Tom Helvey.

Row 4 — Billy Hippensteel, Rosalie Holloway, Lowell Hoover, Stanley Hoover, Gloria Houser, Judy Leonhard, Shirley Littlefield, Sandra Marshall, Mary Jane Merkle.

Row 5 — Carolyn Metzger, Richard Miller, Janene Myers, Jane Penwell, Kenneth Pratt, Julia Ann Purdy, Sylvia Rieman, Rosalie Rinehart, Janie Robinson.

Row 6 — Vernon Schroll, James Shanahan, Dean Spencer, Larry Stackhouse, Monroe Walker, Joe Walls, Ronald Wiley, Martha Woodcox, Nelson Zinsmeister.

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## *Eighth Grade*

Officers: Mark Swinger, reporter; Luther Allen, treasurer; Ann Keaffaber, secretary; Jim Renz, vice-president; Gene Michel, president.

Row 1 — Roberta Akers, Luther Allen, Evelyn Betten, Mary Bitzell.

Row 2 — Mary Blocher, Karen Bowen, Geraldine Bradley, Laurale Brandenburg, David Brubaker.

Row 3 — Glenna Brubaker, Janet Buckingham, Linda Clark, James Clevenger, Dorcus Davis, Eugene Davis, Coil Garrett, Sue Graham, Nancy Haupert.

Row 4 — Laymon Howard, Judy Jordan, Ann Keaffaber, Gary Keaffaber, Marjorie Klutz, Ralph Krichbaum, Jo Anne Landis, Donald Lefforge, Beatrice Little.

Row 5 — Marvin Metzger, Gene Michel, Rosemary Miller, Danny Nordman, Jean Prater, Janice Pratt, David Reber, James Renz, Kay Richards.

Row 6 — Jessie Robinson, Ronald Schultz, Wayne Singer, Larry Smith, Saundra Stoops, Mark Swinger, Roger Tate, Carl Taylor, Mike Walters.

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## Seventh Grade

Officers: Bob Hippensteel, vice-president; Bruce Flora, secretary-treasurer; Jane Hippensteel, reporter; Patty Shanahan, president.

Row 1 — Frieda Allen, Jane Badskey, Herbert Bradley.

Row 2 — Marcea Brandenburg, Ronald Brandenburg, Esther Brovont.

Row 3 — Rex Clevenger, Rachel Cook, Roy Davis.

Row 4 — Bruce Flora, Gene Hapner, Charles Harper, Norma Helvey, Jane Hippensteel, Jean Hippensteel, Robert Hippensteel, Lou Jean Howard, Terry Kabat.

Row 5 — Pearl Kline, Nancy McIntosh, Janice Marshall, Martha Ann Merkle, Lois Michel, Roger Miller, Janet Morford, Linda Morrisey, Sharon Myers.

Row 6 — Todd Richards, Patty Shanahan, Sandra Shock, Donna Sleighter, Betty Smith, Martha Swinger, Larry Yentes, Max Taylor, Ned Yordy.

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Row 1 — Miss Dillman, Anita Baker, Linda Baker, Delbert Beery, David Bolinger, Ronald Bonewitz, Dale Brindel, Ray Brubaker, Linda Derck, Diane Geiser.

Row 2 — Cheryl Ann Harper, John Hartsough, Ted Heward, Jerry Martin, Beth Marvel, Gene Merkle, Keith Metzger, Andrew Nackovic, Don Pottenger, Jean Rinehart.

Row 3 — Joyce Shanahan, Kenneth Shock, Bonnie Smith, Ginger Snapp, Cheryl Lee Spacy, Marvin Stine, Martha Sutherlin, Lois Taylor, Sara Lou Ulrey, Karen Utter.

Row 4 — Jeanne Warren, Lennie Young, Mrs. Beery, Mrs. Laffel, Judy Baker, Todd Bowen, Todd Bush, Sherry Coning.

Row 5 — Diane Hippensteel, Dennis Jackson, Paul Kline, Sara McIntosh, Joan Miller, Tim Mowrer, Maria Nackovic, Nelma Paul, Danny Sell, Paul Sites.

Row 6 — Tommy Sites, Patricia Ulrey, Brian Weller, Gregory Woods, Jack Baker, Alan Blocher, Leroy Bradley, Peggy Brubaker, Richard Buckingham, Mary Damron.

Row 7 — Metta Margaret Ezra, Sheila Faudree, Paul Hatfield, George Merkle, Kenneth Metzger, Michael Metzger, Sandra Miller, Clark Niccum, Tommy Niccum, Terry Nordmann.

Row 8 — Nancy Shanahan, Mary Lou Sites, Penny Sites, James Stackhouse, Larry Stine, Cheryl Sutton, Sharon Walter, Frankie Warren, Jeffrey Woods.

Row 9 — Mrs. Kreamer, Stevie Amiss, Kay Bechtold, Karen Beery, Lois Beery, Christine Bollinger, Richard Bollinger, Gary Brindle.

Row 10 — Nina Brubaker, Geneva Carter, Nedra Coning, Everett Cook, J. R. Damron, Roger Douglas, Duane Geiser, Fay Gibbs, Tommy Greer, Jim Grossnickle.

Row 11 — Billy Harper, Sue Houser, Eddie Kline, Jay D. McIntosh, Jimmy Bob Marvel, Leanne Michel, Carol Miller, Steve Reiff, Phillip Rieman, Tim Rieman.

Row 12 — Don Ruse, Sandra Schutz, Linda Shock, Earl Singer, Jerry Snapp, Mary Lou Sutherlin, Evelyn Taylor, Jimmie Utter.

Row 13 — Mrs. Thrush, Mrs. Allen, Ronald Baker, Brunette Bazzoni, Joyce Beery, Janet Bollinger, Ethel Cook, Carolyn Coon, Janet Hartsough.

Row 14 — Hilda Haupert, Kenneth Kline, Carol Sue Metzger, Becky Sue Myers, Vicki Miller, Paul Niccum, Rex Niccum, Janet Sue Purdy, Deloris Sites, Morris Sites.

Row 15 — Barbara Stoops, Esther Taylor, Ann Urschel, Cathy Walter, Carolyn Woodcox, Judy Baker, Leon Bazzoni, Bob Bechtold, Anita Burkhardt, Rebecca Damron.

Row 16 — Carroll Domer, Karen Faudree, Teena Giegold, Larry Greer, Jack Hathaway, Dallas Jackson, Douglas Jackson, Dean Metzger, Eugene Metzger, Richard Miller.

Row 17 — Gary Nordmann, John Paul, Richard Penwell, Gene Ruse, Larry Stout, Julia Ann Utter, Stanley Walker, Evelyn Walls, Kay Walter, Ruth Ann Warren.

# Servia

Row 1 — Mrs. Gaebler, Carol Jo Barnhouse, Dianne Cox, Eugena Gahl, Billy Greer, David Heafer, Stephen Hoover, Shirley Johnson.



Row 2 — Sally Meyer, Marvin Miller, Roger Moore, Max Parson, Tony Parson, Roger Partridge, Janis Perry, Joyce Royer, Jeanine Beery, Kenneth Briner.

Row 3 — Sandra Cox, Jimmy Davis, Dennis Frieden, Frances Marshall, Dianna Tyner, John D. Walters, Clifford Betten, Lowell Davis, Carol Johnson, Mary Margaret Meyer.

Row 4 — Norma Perry, Ann Ulrey, Mrs. Bippus, Kathleen Blocher, Amanda Davis, Donald Hoover, Larry Kabat, Donna Kay Klutz, Philip Meyer, Stanley Beery.

Row 5 — Steve Briner, Carolyn Hippenstein, Sharon Kline, Carl Klutz, Janet Leiter, Jimmy Krichbaum, John Meyer, Marilyn Miller, Teddy Oldfather, Kathy Perry.

Row 6 — Judy Royer, Lois Ulrey, Nelda Baker, Jackie Barnhouse, Morris Blocher, Mary Lee Hoover, Gloria Keaffaber, Karen Krichbaum, Dickie Marshall, Larry Myers.

# Liberty Mills

Row 7 — Sharon Tyner, Todd Walters, Mrs. Ezra, Connie Jo Enyeart, Rita Sue Gable, Curtis Hartbarger, Gloria Heater, Alan Heeter.

Row 8 — George Howard, Janet Howard, Roy Howard, Paulette Kester, Gregory Reed, Linda Risner, Judy Shireman, Janice Snep, Tommy Venable, Judy Lynn Walker.

Row 9 — Barbara Bradley, Bobby Bradley, Susan Clevenger, Danny Coldren, Judy Cordill, Eugene Enyeart, Gary Enyeart, Morris Gump, Frankie Hartbarger, Geneva Howard.

Row 10 — Goldie Howard, Paul Howard, Steven Heeter, Tommy McDonald, Patty Nordman, Cheryl Pfledderer, Barbara Robinson, Mrs. Swihart, Neva Able, Charles Cordill.

Row 11 — Dennis Gable, Dallas Graffis, Danny Keaffaber, Margaret Ranso, Robert Robinson, Jesse Spener, Sally Jo Watson, Linda Enyeart, Ulysses Francis, Susan Heeter.

Row 12 — Nancy Keaffaber, Larry Snep, Kenneth Taylor, Dickie Warren, Sandra Bradley, Norvel Bradley, George Francis, Cynthia Howard, Jean Kester, Eva Jean Robinson.



# New Salem

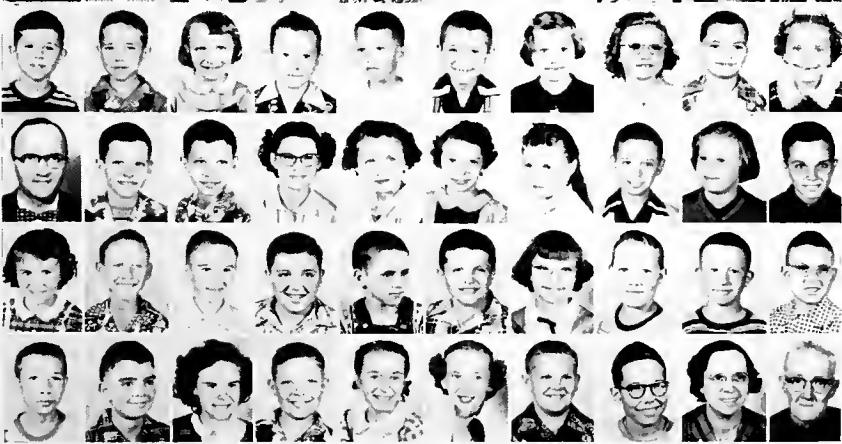
Row 13 — Nancy Jo Snavely, Judy Coldron, Peggy Howard, Connie Nordman, Billy Snep, Mrs. Evans, Joann Metzger, Janet Steele.

Row 14 — Danny Stephan, Jerry Ulrey, Janet Allen, Thomas Beard, Scott Knecht, Danny Reber, Sally Sands, Anna June Steele, Donald Vought, Nancy Yordy.

Row 15 — Mr. Ezra, Larry Bechtold, Terry Bechtold, Bonnie Hamman, Faye Houser, Edith Metzger, Rachel Penrod, Henry Reber, Linda Sands, Paul Sleighter.

Row 16 — Marilyn Steele, Marvin Allen, Tom Beaver, Jerry Bechtold, Allen Bitzell, Gary Houser, Jean Littlefield, Vernon Pratt, John Renz, Leroy Rinehart.

Row 17 — Stephen Ulrey, Douglas Vought, Sally Beaver, Max Metzger, Gloria Reber, Jane Renz, Eugene Thomas, David Ulrey, Mrs. Krichbaum, Mr. Myers, (Cook and janitor at Servia).



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Officers of the Class of 1954

Jay Schilling, vice-president; Diane Landis, treasurer; Alice Alexander, reporter; Marilyn Flora, secretary; Jim Baker, president.

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In September, 1950, forty-two freshmen made their appearance in high school. The class had a skating party at Warsaw under the sponsorship of Mr. Gerold Faudree and Mr. Dilling. The class elected as their officers the following people: Diane Landis, president; Don Brown, vice-president; Phyllis Bechtold, secretary; Max Frye, treasurer; and Norma Colclessor, reporter.

The following year thirty-six ambitious looking sophomores entered Chester. During that year we enjoyed a bowling party held at Warsaw. The class chose as their officers the following students: Phyllis Bechtold, president; Ronnie Kreider, vice-president; Julia Pottenger, secretary; Beverly Schroll, treasurer; and Myrtle Rowe, reporter. Our sponsors were Mrs. Lytle and Mr. Scribner.

In 1952, thirty-nine juniors entered school looking forward to the many activities that take place during the junior year. Among these many activities there were our class rings, class parties, selling at the ball games, and our fish fry on which we all worked together and made a big success. Then came our biggest event of the year, our class play, "Beauty and the Beast." Our spon-

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sors for that year were Mrs. Van Camp and Mr. Mertz. The class elected as their officers for that year the following: Jim Baker, president; Ronnie Kreider, vice-president; Diane Landis, secretary; Pat Burris, treasurer; and Patsy Walgamuth, reporter.

In September, 1953, thirty-six hard striving students trudged wearily into Chester to end their high school years and make up the class of 1954. Through determination and lots of hard work new records were set. Our magazine sales was our biggest money making project of all our high school activities. Behind the curtains, a third of which was our share towards a gift for the school, was produced the great play, "We Shook The Family Tree," which was presented to the public on October 18, 1953. Our officers were Jim Baker, president; Jay Schilling, vice-president; Marilyn Flora, secretary; Diane Landis, treasurer; and Alice Alexander, reporter. In January the Seniors began striving for a great RAVELINGS, under the direction of Mrs. Van Camp and Mr. Smith. Our trip, our baccalaureate and our commencement ended an eventful year.

*Ravelings Staff*



Ronnie Kreider, business manager; Mrs. Van Camp, advisor; Clarence Houser, editor; Jerry Purdy, associate editor; and Mr. Smith, advisor.



# SENIORS

Alice Alexander — "The heart has reason that reason does not understand."



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Aileene Allen — "Those dark eyes do merely dance."



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Jim Baker — "Ready to work, ready to play, ready to help whomever he may."



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Marilee Baker — "Could one word well describe her it would be this — Reliable."

Phyllis Bechtold — "Attractive and full of pep and ability — all in one."

Richard Bechtold — "I have always liked school — the vacation part of it."

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Kay Bonam — "Quiet but full of fun."



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Don Brown—"He that mischief hatches, mischief catches."



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Gerry Coblenz—"I'd like to be a man hater but I haven't the heart."



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Dean Cox — "I'm not scared of anything, but a quadratic equation."

Marilyn Flora — "What would she do without a boy named Ronnie?"

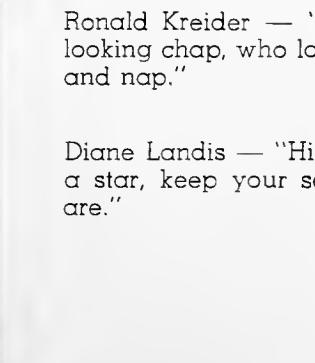
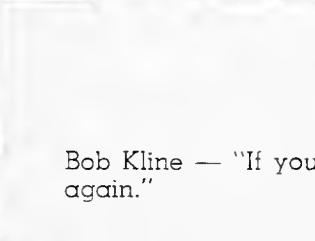
Max Frye — "A professor in the philosophy of mischief."

# SENIORS

Anna May Helvey — "He rides upon the river of my thoughts."

Clarence Houser — "Oh, to win a basketball game."

Bobb Keaffaber — "I found out the most undeveloped territory in the world lies under my hat."



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Bob Kline — "If you fail once, try, try again."

Ronald Kreider — "Ronnie is a good looking chap, who loves to sit in school and nap."

Diane Landis — "Hitch your wagon to a star, keep your seat and there you are."

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# SENIORS

Mike Leckrone — "The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows where he is going."

Carol Marshall — "You have to live a lot of your life with yourself. You may as well learn to enjoy your own company."

Bob Messer — "If I can't buy it, I'll invent it."



John Morrisey — "When mischief is around, I'm not lonely."

Julia Pottenger — "Shoot for the sun, and you may hit a star."

Jerry Purdy — "If a good time is lacking, he'll make one."

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# SENIORS

Richard Purdy — "There's a comeback to every argument; the trick is to think of it in time."

Dewayne Ritenour — "A dull mind seldom cuts ice."

Dewight Ritenour — "The weaker the argument, the stronger the words."



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Frank Rowe — "Speech is great, but silence is greater."

Myrtle Rowe — "A live wire never gets stepped on."

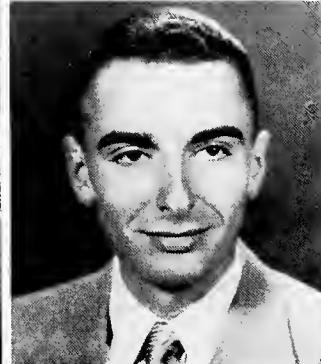
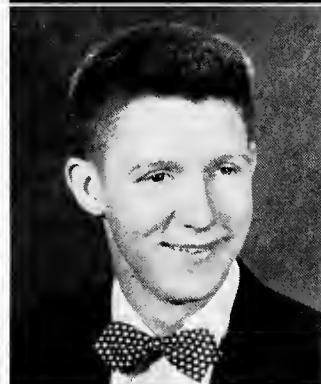
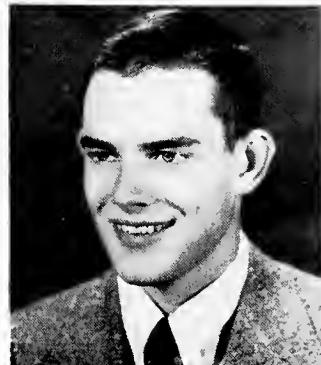
Jay Schilling — "All I ask wherever I go: A pal, a gal, and a little dough."

# SENIORS

Beverly Schroll — "Jeanie with the light brown hair!"

Dick Shanahan — "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

Philip Snavely — "They say he's bashful but you never can tell."



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Don Vance — "I can resist everything except temptation."

Patsy Walgamuth — "Dream, yes; but, also, wake up!"

Beulah Young — "Her merry laughter breaks the long hours of monotony."

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1. A visit to the zoo! Don't cry, Diane. That's muscle you see there.

2. Don's Plymouth **did** have a top, didn't it, John?

3. He's got him groggy, Ref! How about a T.K.O.?

4. On a sunny summer day,

5. A little close harmony. Look who's at the piano!

6. Take it easy — you birds on top!



# Last Will and Testament

To the Juniors, the Class of "54" wills especially to you our ability in teamwork and good salesmanship.

To the Sophomores, the Class of "54" wills especially to you enough spot remover to remove all your green spots.

To the Freshies, the Class of "54" wills especially to you a pair of green stilts so you will stand up and take notice.

To the Faculty, the Class of "54" wills the new stage curtains to wipe their tear-filled eyes at our graduation.

I, Alice Alexander, will my position in the band to Sharon Myers, and my position as Editor-in-Chief of the Chester Chatter to a blonde so the gray hairs won't show.

I, Aileene Allen, will and bequeath to the underclassmen of Chester High much success and happiness, and to the class of "55" the best of luck during their senior year.

I, Jim Baker, will my ability not to get excited at a basketball game to Roman Westafer, who I am sure can use it.

I, Marilee Baker, will my ability not to type to someone who isn't taking typing and my seat in the study hall to anyone who can stay out of meanness.

I, Phyllis Bechtold, will some of my hair to "Leek" since he needs some, my height to Joan Landis, and my cheerleading ability to my little sister, "Mickey".

I, Dick Bechtold, will the fun of all my school years to the oncoming children.

I, Kay Bonam, will my height to Mrs. VanCamp.

I, Don Brown, will my beautiful "37" Plymouth to "Doc" Hammond and Roman Westafer who like to drive it.

I, Gerry Coblenz, will my position in the Sax Quartet to Janene Myers, and my seat in psychology to anyone who can put up with a class of 16 boys.

I, Dean Cox, will my "Ford" to Donald R. Lefforge if he thinks he can stand the rattles, and my ability to run out of gas to anyone who likes to walk.

I, Marilyn Flora, will my ability to go steady to some of these dreamy and wishful girls around school, and my ability to twirl to the future majorettes.

I, Max Frye, will my ability to keep the bench warm for the second team three years to Dan Hammond.

I, Ann Helvey, will my ability to graduate to my brother, Tom, and my black hair to Pat Flora.

I, Clarence Houser, will my haircut to "Doc" Hoover and my seat in government class to anybody who wants it; what I have left, I will take with me.

I, Bob Keaffaber, will my ability to study and keep out of trouble to a certain sophomore girl; she might need it.

I, Bob Kline, will my Ford to anyone who can keep it running.

I, Ronnie Kreider, will my ability to get C's and D's in chemistry to anyone who thinks he needs it.

I, Diane Landis, will my ability to will a will to someone who doesn't have the ability to will a will if he or she is willing to will a will.

I Michael E. Leckrone, being of sound mind (?) do hereby will and bequeath my entire fortune to that great benefactor of the human race, Robert Leroy Mertz.

I, Carol Marshall, will my thick hair to Mr. Smith, and my chair in band to Frieda Allen.

I, Robert Messer, will my student manager position to anyone who would like the job as well as I did.

I, John Morrisey, will my duckbill haircut to Eugene Davis, since he needs it.

I, Julia Pottenger, will my ability to get the car to Gene Heeter so he won't have to walk to Kay's house.

I, Jerry Purdy, will my "40" Plymouth to anyone who can keep oil in it for one week.

I, Richard Purdy, will my ability to keep the number of rebounds at an exciting ball game to anyone who thinks he can do it.

I, Dewayne Ritenour, will my ability to cook a good meal in home economics to any girl who might need it.

I, Dewight Ritenour, will my ability to get A's in government to Darrell Graffis.

I, Frank Rowe, will my ability to stay out of trouble to anyone who needs it.

I, Myrtle Rowe, will my ability to play the guitar to Pat Leckrone, my seat in the study hall to anyone who can keep Noel Yordy good company, and my cheerleading ability to that up-and-coming varsity cheerleader, Ann Keaffaber.

I, Jay Schilling, will my ability to be always in a hurry to Gene Heeter.

I, Beverly Schroll, will my chair in band to anyone who can keep Judy Leonhard company and my ability to take teasing from Ida Van Camp to anyone who needs it. The rest I'm taking with me.

I, Dick Shanahan, will my red hair to my cousin, Jim Shanahan; he could stand a change.

I, Phil Snavely, will my ability to keep on the road to Todd Hathaway.

I, Don Vance, will my glasses to anyone who thinks he can read the twelfth grade government book.

I, Pat Walgamuth, will my ability to chew gum in shorthand class to anyone who can get away with it. Also my ability to type to anyone who needs it.

I, Beulah Young, will my ability to take home economics to every girl in the school, and my ability to get the car whenever I want it to my sister, Dora.

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# Prophecy

## *A Day in the Life of Jason Smith*

It was 1974 and Mr. Jason Smith arose from bed to start a completely average day. In fact, it was such an "average" day that Mr. Smith didn't stop to think that everything he did during the day was worked around some members of the glorious Chester Class of 1954.

However, let us follow Mr. Smith and observe how this class effects his life.

First, Mr. Smith was prepared a huge breakfast by his maid, Alice Alexander. Alice had married and proved to be a very good housewife. He was also served a huge glass of milk contributed by the Jerry Purdy Milk Hauling Company.

After breakfast Mr. Smith jumped into his new Ford, designed by Dean Cox (incidentally, Dean was married and had four children) and went down to the Brown & Baker Super Service Station to fill up with gas. As Mr. Smith continued down the highway he became involved in a traffic jam, caused by Marilyn and Ronnie Zimpelman's huge house trailer. The Zimpelman's were moving to a different army base.

Upon arrival at school Mr. Smith began his normal work. His first official act was to discipline the young children of Mrs. Beverly (Schroll) Slack and then he was able to attend to the other business at hand.

Now the first task that confronted him was the planning of the Chester Twp. football schedule. He made these arrangements through the aid of Mrs. Aileene (Allen) Baumgardner, wife of the famous football coach. It was then necessary for him to review the new chemistry textbook written by Bob Messer, Bob Keaffaber and Dewight Ritenour. The first two authors were both from Purdue University while Ritenour was a professor at Ball State.

When Mr. Smith completed the book review it was about 11:45 so he decided to go down to dinner with the fourth period study hall. Although he didn't realize it, he had three members of the Class of '54 to thank for his dinner. His beefsteak was furnished from the Alabama farm of Dick Bechtold (Dick began raising cows on a cotton farm in order to come up with softer meat); his vegetables came from the Snavely Truck Farm (formerly the Grossnickle Truck Farm); and his eggs were hand-picked from the Rhode Island Farm of Beulah Young.

After dinner Mr. Smith found it necessary to interview two girls to replace his former secretary, Diane Landis. Diane left her job at Chester to become bookkeeper for the R. Kreider Corporation of Liberty Mills. However, he soon discovered that he knew both of the applicants.

One was Patsy Walgamuth Geist (formerly of Geist & Sons Corporation) and Gerry Coblenz (formerly of Coblenz & Sons Store in Liberty Mills).

Another job on Mr. Smith's schedule was to engage speakers for the Wednesday Convocation programs. Therefore he contacted many famous people such as: Reverend Richard Purdy of Dallas, Texas, (known as the preaching Texan), Dick Shanahan, the National Rodeo Champion, and Myrtle Rowe, star pitcher for the Fort Wayne Daisies. He also arranged for Admiral M. W. Frye of the U. S. Navy to give his lecture entitled "My Voyage Down Eel River."

Immediately after school, Mr. Smith took Mrs. Smith down town shopping. Their first stop was a dress shop owned by Marilee Baker and managed by Kay Bonam. Next they went to Morrisey's Men's Store (formerly Oppenheims) and were waited on by salesman Bob Kline. While in the store Mr. Smith ran into his old pupil, Clarence Houser, who had married Janet and was living in Luther, Indiana.

Mrs. Smith then decided to go to the Anna Helvey and Carol Marshall Beauty Shop Incorporated, so Mr. Smith drove over to Laketon to have his hair cut (?) at the Don Vance Barber Shop.

With all the beauty operations completed, Mr. Smith discovered that he still had two more errands. The first one was buying some new equipment for the Chester Agriculture class from Dewayne Ritenour, the manager of the New Farm Store in Tunker, and his final duty was to buy railroad tickets for the class of '74 to go to Washington.

As he purchased the tickets from the agent, Frank Rowe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, he explained that he was anxious for the class to observe how Jay Schilling was getting along in his new job as President of the United States.

Finally, after supper Mr. Smith turned to his only relaxation of the day. He turned on the radio and sat back to listen to Mike Leckrone direct his world famous band. It seems that Mike and his wife (the former Phyllis Bechtold) had formed this band from their own children. (They had 14 boys and 12 girls.)

Nevertheless, Mr. Smith's busy day didn't seem to agree with him and he became rather ill. However, the Class of '54 was still in there pitching, because who should nurse him back to health but Julia Pottenger, R.N.!

This just goes to prove the old adage. "You can't keep a good class down."

# Senior Directory

Alice Alexander — Entered from Short High School, 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G.H.A. (Short) 1, 2; National Thespians (Short) 1, 2; Sunshine 3, 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Contest (Short) 2; Chester Chatter Staff (Editor-in-Chief) 4; Monster Girl' State 3; 4-H (Short) 1, 2; Ravelings Staff 4; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4.

Aileen Allen — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Chester Chatter 4; 4-H 1; Ravelings Staff (Prophecy) 4.

Jim Baker — Softball 1; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4; Student Council 3, 4; (Vice-President 3; President 4) Class President 3, 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3.

Marilee Baker — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Chester Chatter 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Ravelings Staff (Prophecy and Typing) 4.

Phyllis Bechtold — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo-Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; (Secretary 1; President 2, 3; Junior Leader 3, 4; Treasurer 4) 4-H Round up 3; State Fair School 4; Class Secretary 1; Class President 2; Student Council (Vice-President 2); Mixed Chorus 4; Pep Club 1; Cheer Leader 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff 4.

Dick Berthold — Basketball 1; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee 4).

Kay Bonam — Ravelings Staff (Typing Committee) 4; Chester Chatter 4; Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 3.

Don Brown — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; (Huntington relays); Baseball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 1; "Beauty and the Beef" 3.

Gerry Coblenz — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; Chester Chatter 4; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Pep Club 1; Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Photo Club 2; Librarian 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Write Ups) 4.

Dean Cox — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1; 4-H 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Faculty and Clubs) 4; Basketball 1; "Beauty and the Beef" 3.

Marilyn Flora — Entered 1; Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Ravelings Staff (Last Will and Testament and Class History) 4; Class Secretary 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Chester Chatter 4; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4.

Max Frye — Spelling Contest 1; Softball 1; Baseball 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Basketball Student Manager 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Class Treasurer 1; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4.

Anna Halvey — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4; Ravelings Staff (Last Will and Testament and Class History) 4; 4-H 1; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Pep Club 1; Photo Club 2.

Clarence Houser — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 (Captain 4); Baseball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; (Converse relays 1, 2); Silver Track Shoe 3; Ravelings Staff (Editor-in-Chief) 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; Poultry Judging 1.

Bob Keaffaber — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4 (Treasurer 4); Basketball 1; Ravelings Staff (Varsity and Clubs) 4.

Bob Kline — Entered from Lagro High School 2; Basketball 3, 4; Lagro 1, 2; F.F.A. 3, 4 Lagro 1, 2; Sec. 3; 4-H Tractor Maintenance 3; Softball Lagro 2; Track 3, 4; Ravelings Staff 4.

Ronald Kreider — Basketball 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Ravelings Staff (Business Manager) 4; Track 3, 4.

Dane Landis — Class President 1; Class Secretary 3; Class Treasurer 4; Student Council 1; Sunbeam 1; (President 1); Sunshine 2, 3, 4; (Reporter 2); Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Chester Chatter 4; Ravelings Staff 2; (Vice-President 1); 4; Librarian 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4.

Mike Leckrone — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Cornet Trio 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; (Converse relays 1, 2, 3, 4) (Co-Captain 3); Hi-Y 2, 3, 4 (Vice-President 3); Math Contest 3, 4; Indiana Science Contest 4; Class Scholarship 1, 2, 3; Westinghouse Science Contest 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; State Scholarship Exams 4; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee) 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Carol Marshall — 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff 4; Pep Club 1.

Bob Messer — Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; (Sec. 3; 4-H 1; Photo Club 2; Track Student Manager 2, 3, 4; Basketball Student Manager 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Math Contest 1.

John Morrisey — Basketball 2, 3; Softball 1; Baseball 2, 3; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; Photo Club 2; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Ravelings Staff (Sports Committee) 4; Pep Club 1; 4-H 1; Track 1.

Julia Pottenger — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; (Vice-President 3; President 4); Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; D.A.R. Award 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Ravelings Staff (Write Ups) 4.

Jerry Purdy — Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Student Manager 3, 4; Basketball Student Manager 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Ravelings Staff (Associate Editor) 4; Chester Chatter 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4.

Richard Purdy — Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball Student Manager 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee) 4; Chester Chatter 4.

Dewayne Ritenour — Mixed Chorus 4; Boys' Glee Club 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; Librarian 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee 4); Hi-Y 2, 3, 4.

Dewight Ritenour — Track 3, 4; Math Contest 1, 2; Baseball 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4.

Frank Rowe — Basketball 2; Ravelings Staff (Sports) 4.

Myrtle Rowe — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; (Corresponding Secretary 4); Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ravelings Staff (Last Will and Testament) 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Chester Chatter 4; Cheer Leader 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1; Freshman Cheer Leader 1; Class Reporter 2; Librarian 2.

Jay Schilling — Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; (Treasurer 3; President 4) 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; (President 4); Dairy Judging 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Ravelings Staff (Advertising) 4.

Beverly Schroll — Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Chester Chatter 4; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee) 4; Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1; Photo Club 2; Girls' Sextet 2, 3; Boys' 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; (President 1, 3; Vice-President 2); Librarian 2, 3; Class Treasurer 2; Majorette 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4.

Dick Shanahan — Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4 (President 4); Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Livestock Judging 1, 2; Poultry Judging 2; Ravelings Staff (Snapshot Committee) 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3; "We Shook the Family Tree" 4; Pep Club 1; Photo Club 2.

Philip Snavely — Basketball 1, 2, 3; Ravelings Staff (Sports) 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4.

Don Vance — Basketball 1, 2; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 1, 4; 4-H 1, 2; Ravelings Staff (Advertising and Faculty) 4; Band 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 4.

Patsy Walgamuth — Sunbeam 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 3; Ravelings Staff (Write Ups and Typist) 4; Chester Chatter (Assistant Editor) 4; "Beauty and the Beef" 3.

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